NOTICE OF THE PRELIMINARY DECISION TO ISSUE A SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENT TO AN INDIVIDUAL AQUIFER PROTECTION PERMIT

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Pursuant to Arizona Administrative Code, Title 18, Chapter 9, Article 1, the Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality intends to issue a Significant Amendment to the individual Aquifer Protection Permit (APP) to the following applicant(s):

Far West Water & Sewer, Inc. Section 14 Wastewater Treatment Plant 12486 South Foothills Boulevard Yuma, AZ 85367

Far West Water & Sewer Inc. Section 14 WWTP Aquifer Protection Permit No.: P-105014

The Far West Water & Sewer Inc. Section 14 Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is located at 12651 South Avenue 14E, Yuma, Arizona 85367. Under the APP, Far West Water & Sewer, Inc. is authorized to treat up to 1.28 million gallons per day (mgd) of domestic wastewater. The treatment process consists of an influent pump station; rotary drum screen; influent flow meter; equalization tanks; transfer pump station; biologic nutrient removal (BNR) membrane bioreactor (MBR) process with pre-anoxic, aeration and post-anoxic tanks for Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) reduction, Total Suspended Solids (TSS) reduction, turbidity reduction, and nitrification/denitrification; chemical feed facility for turbidity reduction, ultraviolet (UV) disinfection; and effluent flow metering. The WWTP will utilize the effluent as the direct reuse of Class "A+" reclaimed water under a Reclaimed Water Permit, and/or recharge using vadose zone well(s). The WWTP will be expanded from its current capacity in phases up to 1.28 mgd.

The permit has been revised to reflect current standard language and to allow for expansion of the WWTP due to increased wastewater treatment demand.

The draft permit and related materials are available for public review, with 24 hour notice, Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Records Management Center, Lower Level, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, 1110 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

Persons may submit comments or request a public hearing on the proposed action, in writing to Mason Bolitho, ADEQ, 1110 W. Washington Street, Mail Code 5415B-3, Phoenix, AZ 85007 within thirty days (30) days from the date of this notice. The public hearing request must include the reason for such request.